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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Request for Approval of Natural Gas Asset Optimization Service Contract, D.T.E. 06-9

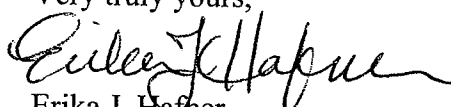
Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Filed herewith are the responses of KeySpan Energy Delivery New England ("KeySpan") to the First Set of Information Requests issued by the Attorney General in the above-referenced proceeding, with the exception of Information Request AG-1-20, which KeySpan will file tomorrow.

Please note that the responses to Information Requests AG-1-2 and AG-1-7 contain confidential information covered by the Motion for Protective Treatment that was granted by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") on February 27, 2006. Accordingly, the Company is submitting redacted copies of those responses for the public record, along with the confidential responses. The Company will submit the confidential responses to the Attorney General pursuant to a non-disclosure agreement.

In addition, responses to Information Requests AG-1-1, AG-1-8, AG-1-22 and AG-1-23 contain confidential information that is not subject to the prior Motion for Protective Treatment, issued by the Department on February 27, 2005. Accordingly, a supplemental Motion for Protective Treatment has been filed with regard to these responses on this date under separate cover. The Company will submit the confidential responses to the Attorney General pursuant to a non-disclosure agreement.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
  
Erika J. Harner

Enclosures

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